

HB 1664-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Repeals and narrows tax incentives for machinery and equipment used to reduce agricultural burning of cereal grains and grass grown for seed for air quality purposes.

Finds that rules enacted to improve air quality in selected parts of eastern Washington created a financial hardship for some growers of cereal grains and grass grown for seed. The legislature provided tax incentives in 2000 to assist such growers transition to alternative management systems while further improving air quality. Because those incentives have been difficult to administer, the legislature finds that it is necessary to refine and narrow those incentives.

Repeals RCW 82.08.840, 82.12.840, 82.04.4459, and 84.36.580.